

SUBJECT: CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Corporal punishment as a means of discipline shall not be used against a student by any teacher, administrator, officer, employee or agent of the BOCES.

However, if alternative procedures and methods eliminating the use of physical force and any of the following conditions occur, then the use of reasonable physical force is not prohibited.

- a) To protect oneself from physical injury;
- b) To protect another student or teacher or any other person from physical injury;
- c) To protect the property of the school or of others; or
- d) To restrain or remove a student whose behavior is interfering with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers or duties, if that student has refused to comply with a request to refrain from further disruptive acts; provided that alternative procedures and methods not involving the use of physical force cannot reasonably be employed to achieve the purposes set forth above.

Whenever a school employee uses physical force against a student the school employee shall make an immediate written report to his/her supervisor describing in detail the circumstances and the nature of the action taken.

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